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Applicant : Mary Lynne Hedley et al.

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Title : CONTINUOUS-FLOW METHOD FOR PREPARING MICROPARTICLES

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species dated March 25, 2003, applicants elect the following species:

- (1) residual organic solvent level of less than 200 ppm;
- (2) drying step for washed microparticles comprising lyophilizing;
- (3) removing organic solvent from a second emulsion by extraction;
- (4) diameter of microparticles less than 20 microns;
- (5) ratio of lactic acid to glycolic acid in the PLGA is about 1:1 by weight; and
- (6) average residence time of the first emulsion and the second aqueous solution in the mixing chamber is less than about 60 seconds.

The elections are made without traverse.

Claims 1-47 read on elected species (1). Claims 1-47 read on elected species (2).

Claims 1-19 and 21-47 read on elected species (3). Claims 1-47 read on elected species (4).

Claims 1-36 and 38-47 read on elected species (5). Claims 1-47 read on elected species (6).

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